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This paper is a request for a continuation under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) of:

Applicant: Peter Bauer and Herbert Happe  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING  
BODIES HAVING A NON-CIRCULAR CROSS  
SECTION

Prior U.S. application no: 08/659,046  
Filing Date: 06/03/96

The prior application was complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or was a national stage of an international application filed in compliance with 35 USC §371.

The prior application was filed after June 8, 1995.

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 USC §120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein.

Kindly enter the unentered amendment which was previously filed on 01/20/98, but was not entered in the prior prosecution of this case.

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The prior application is assigned of record to Synthes (U.S.A.), a Pennsylvania partnership, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on 06/03/96 at 8018/0237.

This request includes 2 sheets, and the following:

Enclosures:

- Postcard

The entire disclosure of the prior application is part of this application and is incorporated by reference.

Basic filing fee	790.00
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$22.00	0.00
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$82.00	0.00
Fee for Multiple dependent claims	0.00
Total filing fee:	\$ 790.00

A check for the filing fee is enclosed. Please apply any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.


If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at 212/765-5070.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this application by returning the enclosed postcard.

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